- The situation has also been reviewed by Committee of Secretaries on a monthly basis and Ministry of Home Affairs.

There is no vaccine for Avian Flu [H5N1] either for humans or birds. Seasonal influenza vaccine is available but it has no role in either preventing human cases of avian influenza [H5N1] or the pandemic strain which may evolve in future.

Denial Of emergency service To CGHS beneficiaries

1154. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware that certain recongnized hospitals in the Capital have since stopped the facility of entertaining the pensioners and C.G.H.S. beneficiaries at the time of visiting the hospitals for emergency treatment; and

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefore and what remedial steps Government propose to taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such complaints regarding stoppage of attending CGHS beneficiaries by CGHS recognised private hospitals for emergency treatement have been received.

(b) The question does not arise.

Global action plan to control Bird Flu

1155. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an international Conference on bird flu has identified key components of a global action plan to control avian influenza in animals and simultaneously limit the threat of a human influenza pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases reported in India so far, relating to bird flu; and

(d) the steps taken by Governiemnt to contain the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (d) A